

BCLA CAC Meeting

Date: 22 October 2021, 12:00pm – 1:00pm

Present: Helen Brown, Lisa Nathan, David Waddell, Julie Backer, Suzanne Jay, Kevin Millsip, Leo Pederson

Regrets: Diana Marshall, Jenna Thomson

Agenda:

1. Welcome
2. Approval of minutes from 17 September 2021
3. Approval of agenda
4. Updates:
 - a. Website (David)
 - i. Reviewed changes and additions to the CAC landing page (<https://bclaconnect.ca/cag/>). Note, there is an error in the subdomain url that he is attempting to have corrected.
 - ii. Discussion of proposed goals of the CAC site:
 1. Information about CAC activities
 2. Educate and inspire. Demonstrate what libraries and library workers can and are doing in response to the climate crisis It might act like a toolkit or information packet for sharing ideas and inspiration for others.
 3. Value of sharing concrete examples from within library domain and sharing what others are doing externally.
 4. **ACTION:** Send any resources or examples to David as they arise.
 - b. Student representatives (Lisa)
 - i. Langara, University of the Fraser Valley, and University of British Columbia library programs shared CAC announcements with students.
 - ii. **ACTION:** Send ideas to Lisa for recruiting students
5. Old business
 - a. Discussion: Goals of climate change position statement working group (members Helen, Lisa, Diana, David, Kevin)
 - i. Outline BCLA's position on the climate crisis.
 - ii. Provide a resource for library systems who might use portions of the statement to support action in different areas (e.g., internally, union meetings, approaching a city council, advocating with an MLA member).
 - b. Discussion: CAC collaboration practice
 - i. Collaboration space - trial Basecamp
 - ii. **ACTION:** Lisa to send out a CAC Basecamp join link to CAC listserv.

- iii. Proposal for decision making and soliciting ideas for projects, etc.
 - 1. Propose ideas at CAC meetings or via listserv if time sensitive.
 - 2. Co-chairs confirm the project fits and that there is a lead to take it on, understanding that it will not move forward without a lead.
 - 3. Try to focus on not more than 2-3 projects at a time to keep the work manageable.
- c. Discussion: Ideas from 1st meeting
 - i. Days of action: interest expressed in days of action or calls to action.
 - 1. What we do for institutions (e.g., How do libraries, galleries, museums, archives prepare and recover from climate emergencies, fires, heat waves?).
 - 2. What we do for the public.
 - 3. Investigate holding a BCLA Conference session or day to workshop a day of action or climate emergency preparation week (similar to Science Literacy Week, BC Summer Reading Club, Shake Out BC, or [Climate Preparedness Week in Massachusetts](#)).
 - 4. **ACTION:** Connect with board about idea and/or submit a CAC proposal for this event with the intent that this will be a longer term project.
 - ii. Questionnaire/poll
 - 1. Develop a survey to solicit ideas and suggestions from BCLA community of what would help in addressing or responding to the climate crisis in their role. What would be useful? There is also interest in learning what library workers are seeing in their systems or communities.
 - 2. **ACTION:** David volunteered to start survey